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The agency model rule is an essential element in the preservation of competitive pricing of e-books in relation to the rest of the book industry. Any restrictions placed upon this program will result in the resumption of the predatory, anti-competitive pricing policies that Amazon has resorted to in the past in their attempt to monopolize the book market. The significance of an open market with wide access to print and e-book media is an essential ingredient of a democratic society and support of the agency model is a cornerstone of a competitive book market.

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